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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Honorable William F. Raborn  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Raborn:

The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) was created by the National Security Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of the National Security Act (NSC 17/4 and NSC 5425/1). Its Charter was issued on July 18, 1949 (NSC 17/6). Pursuant to National Security Action Memorandum 161, dated June 9, 1962, from the President, the ICIS is now responsible to the Attorney General instead of to the National Security Council. By a Directive from the Attorney General, dated March 5, 1964, the ICIS Charter was amended to reflect the provisions of NSAM 161.

The Charter authorizes and directs the ICIS to effect the coordination of all phases of internal security except those which are assigned to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC), namely, the coordination of the investigation of all domestic espionage, counterespionage, sabotage and subversion. The ICIS is comprised of four member departments, and fifteen departments and agencies are represented on its several subcommittees. ICIS is charged with the establishment and maintenance of the highest practicable state of internal security, including the making of necessary plans and preparations for adequate internal security in the event of a war-related emergency. This responsibility includes taking the necessary action to ensure that adequate measures are instituted by all appropriate departments and agencies in those matters under their jurisdiction which affect the internal security of the United States.

In line therewith, the ICIS, since its establishment, has studied our internal security problems, and various internal security programs have been put into effect as a result of ICIS recommendations. In order to assist the ICIS in carrying out its responsibilities, and to provide an up-to-date view of our internal security posture in line with its Charter responsibilities, this Committee is making a survey of the specific internal security responsibilities of each department and agency of the Executive Branch and of the current status of the various internal security programs. The results of this survey will be made available to the Attorney General pursuant to NSAM 161, and will enable him to determine if the ICIS is fully meeting its responsibilities. The ICIS is also contemplating the publication of an internal security programs manual, based on the results of the current survey, which would be circulated throughout the government for use as a ready index to government security programs.

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For the purpose of the survey, there is enclosed an appropriate questionnaire which it is requested that your Agency execute and return to this Committee. It is requested that your reply be submitted within sixty days, and that you designate an appropriate official within your Agency for any necessary discussion. Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Mr. Thomas E. Marum, Executive Secretary, ICIS, Justice Code 187, extension 2326.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*John F. Doherty*

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Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee  
on Internal Security

Enclosure: